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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON
COMPANY (U338E) for a Certificate of
Public Convenience and Necessity for the
Coolwater-Lugo Transmission Project.

Application 13-08-023
(Filed August 28, 2013)

**E-MAIL RULING DIRECTING PARTIES TO FILE COMMENTS ON DISMISSAL
WITHOUT PREJUDICE OF APPLICATION 13-08-023 BY MARCH 31, 2015**

Dated March 19, 2015, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ IRENE K. MOOSEN

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Subject: E-mail Ruling Directing Parties to file Comments on Dismissal without prejudice of A.13-08-023 by March 31, 2015

To the Parties in A.13-08-023:

On Monday, March 16, 2015, the California Independent System Operator Corporation (CAISO) requested leave and filed Supplemental Comments to their Initial Comments which addressed the impact of the Coolwater Generating Station's (CGS) permanent retirement on the need for the proposed Southern California Edison Company (SCE) Coolwater Lugo Transmission Project (CLTP). This Ruling grants the CAISO's requested leave to file Supplemental Comments. The CAISO's Comments state that its most recent annual of Network Upgrades resulted in Full Capacity Deliverability Status (FCDS) for the Mojave Solar Project. As a result, the CLTP is no longer necessary for Mojave Solar to receive FCDS.

In addition, the CAISO stated that additional Phase II Interconnection Studies would be needed to determine if any there was any "residual need" for any elements of the CLTP components in order to interconnect other projects in the CAISO's interconnection queue. The CAISO estimates that this process would conclude in November 2015. Moreover, removing the CLTP from the Mojave Solar/SCE/CAISO Large Generator Interconnection Agreement (LGIA) would require approvals from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Other FERC approvals may be necessary as well.

The CAISO recommended that the Commission suspend this proceeding until new transmission planning studies and "necessary FERC approvals" occur. However, the recent permanent retirement of CGS and the Mojave Solar Project FCDS are significant material changes and suggest that dismissal of A.13-08-023 without prejudice would be the superior action by the Commission at this point. Both the CAISO's and SCE's earlier filings note that the studies submitted in support of the CLTP Application included both CGS as fully operational and had base cases that assumed that CLTP would be built. The Commission would need new studies that remove those assumptions. No apparent justification exists for holding the applicant, the parties, the affected communities and the Commission in an indefinite state of readiness with respect to the pending proposal under the current circumstances. Now, that the issue of Mojave Solar's FCDS is no longer a concern no other apparent urgency exists to push this proceeding to completion on its original schedule.

Therefore, the facts to date suggest that the need for CLTP to interconnect Mojave Solar with FCDS is no longer needed, that significant new studies are needed to determine the need for SCE's Proposed

CLTP and that Mojave Solar now no longer faces dire financial consequences articulated earlier in this proceeding. Therefore, the foundational analysis and support for the CLTP is in question and new work of uncertain scope and duration must occur before need can be further evaluated. It would be far more constructive, with no harm to the applicant's future case, to stop this proceeding, allow SCE to assess all the significant, material changes that have occurred and make a reasoned assessment of its transmission upgrade needs and refile when those activities have occurred.

The record developed in the CEQA review performed to date in this proceeding can be preserved and utilized in any future related proceeding should SCE refile its application with new studies reflecting updated grid conditions.

Parties are directed to file comments by March 31 responding to the CAISO Supplemental Comments and discussing whether there is any reason why A.13-08-023 should not be dismissed without prejudice.

Docket Office shall formally file this ruling

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